Non-fulfilment of commitments by Pepsi Food Project

332. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pepsi Food Project is heavily in arrears on all its major commitments to the Central Government—exports, employment generation and horticulture revolution; and

(b) if so, whether Government is proposing to terminate the licence given to the Pepsi Food Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Ltd. has set up plants for potato/grain processing and soft drink concentrate plant at Channo District Sangrur and fruit and vegetable processing plant at Zahura, Hoshiarpur in Punjab. The above three plants under the project were commissioned during February, 1990, April, 1990 and June, 1990 respectively.

The company has taken steps to encourage the farmers in developing nursery protected under polythene cover for growing tomato. Seedlings and to grow good quality high yielding hybrid tomatoes by adopting deep chieseling techniques. The company has also informed that it has taken steps in setting up of Agro Research Centre at Zahura.

The company have generated direct employment to 850 persons and indirect employment of over 25,500 persons in its allied and ancillary business. The company has informed that they exported various products to the tune of Rs. 9.62 crores during 1-4-1990 to 31-3-1991. The items exported in that year were not found to be from amongst the products of three units mentioned above. The appropriate actions have been initiated by the concerned Ministry in this regard. The Government have also initiated steps for *prima-facie* violation of the conditions of Letter of Intent with regard to the production of soft drink concentrates.

(b) No, Sir.

Increase in price of raw film stock by Hindustan Photo Films Co.

333. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Photo Films Co. has recently increased the prices of raw film stock;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) in what manner Government proposes to control the repeated price increases resorted to by the Hindustan Photo Films Co.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) The selling price of cine colour positive film had been revised by Hindustan Photo Films Ltd. (HPF) to the extent of 37.5 per cent effective from 15-6-91 due to increase in exchange rate variation, increase in auxiliary duty, etc. However, the said price revision has since been kept in abeyance.

Disinvestment of Shares in Public Sector Undertakings

334. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to review the proposal for disinvesting 20 per cent shares from some Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the Public Sector Undertakings which are likely to be covered by the proposed review?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.